



Health Benefit Exchange Authority Executive Board Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Friday, February 26, 2016
Time: 9:45 AM
Location: By Conference Call Only
Call- in Number: 1-877-668-4493; access code

Members Present: Kate Sullivan Hare, Leighton Ku, Diane Lewis, Khalid Pitts, Tamara Watkins

Members Absent: Henry Aaron, Nancy Hicks, LaQuandra Nesbitt, Stephen Taylor, Wayne Turnage, Laura Zeilinger

I. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Roll Call, *Diane Lewis, Chair*

Chair Diane Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:48 am. A roll call of members present confirmed that there was a quorum with five voting members present (Ms. Sullivan Hare, Dr. Ku, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pitts and Ms. Watkins).

Ms. Lewis reported that the February 10th HBX monthly Board meeting was continued. However, because a continuation of the meeting did not take place, the continuation shall serve as an adjournment in the record.

II. Approval of Agenda, *Diane Lewis, Chair*

Ms. Lewis noted that there was an oversight and a vote for the Special Enrollment Period (SEP) was not included on the agenda. It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda to include a vote on a new SEP. The motion carried unanimously, with Ms. Sullivan Hare, Dr. Ku, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pitts and Ms. Watkins voting yes.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Sullivan Hare, Dr. Ku, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pitts and Ms. Watkins voting yes.

III. Approval of Minutes, *Diane Lewis, Chair*

It was moved and seconded to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Sullivan Hare, Dr. Ku, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pitts and Ms. Watkins voting yes.

IV. Discussion Item

- a. Consistent with a new federal SEP announced last week, HBX staff is recommending a time limited SEP allowing consumers who attest to filing their 2014 taxes and reconciling their APTC to enroll in 2016 coverage. This SEP would be available through March 31, 2016. *Claire McAndrew, Standing Advisory Board Vice-Chair*

Ms. McAndrew reported that as is standard with consideration of new SEPs, the HBX staff brought this proposed SEP first to the Standing Advisory Board (SAB) for its support for sending it forward to the Executive Board for adoption. The SAB met last Thursday, February 18th to consider it.

Ms. McAndrew stated that the proposed SEP has been adopted by the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace. When the federal government takes an action on the ACA, we have found that District residents often presume it applies in DC Health Link – even if no action has been taken to adopt the same policy. So, rather than wait for confusion on this, HBX staff promptly brought it to the SAB for consideration of adoption.

The SEP is a temporary one that the Federal Marketplace has adopted through March 31, 2016 for consumers who attest to filing their 2014 taxes and reconciling their APTC.

Dr. Ku asked if we knew how many people might be affected by this SEP. Sarah Baggé, HBX Eligibility and Enrollment Program Manager, said that is was a small number. Staff had previously contacted about 200 people who had lost APTC for a variety of reasons, and had gotten coverage with APTC for 100 of them. So, the number affected by this new SEP would be under 100. In response to a follow-up question from Dr. Ku, Ms. Baggé stated that staff would do another outreach to those individuals.

V. Public Comment

No public comment was proffered.

VI. Vote

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution setting forth the new SEP. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Sullivan Hare, Dr. Ku, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pitts and Ms. Watkins voting yes.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjourn, *Diane Lewis, Chair*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.